

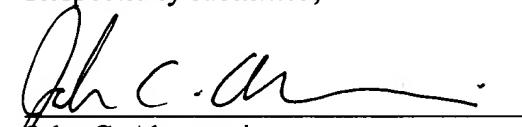
these reference as prior art or otherwise, and respectfully reserves the right to present such arguments and other material should the Examiner maintain rejection of Applicant's claims, based upon the references made of record and not relied upon or otherwise.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-23 are allowable. A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 336-607-7311 to discuss any matter related to the application.

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